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## LICENSE STATUS OPTIONS

**ACTIVE License Status** - California law requires that to maintain an active license, each Doctor of Podiatric Medicine (including out-of-state DPMs) must pay the biennial renewal fee, comply with continuing medical education (CME) requirements and continuing competence.

**INACTIVE License Status** - A Doctor of Podiatric Medicine requesting inactive status need not comply with CME/continuing competence requirements. However, to restore an inactive license to active status, the doctor of podiatric medicine must complete the requirements for a single renewal period. Inactive and active licenses are renewed at the same time and the renewal fee is the same.

**DELINQUENT and CANCELLED License Status** - If a license is not renewed, it will become delinquent and is no longer valid. Under current law, a delinquent license will be cancelled if not renewed prior to a specific period of time. Licenses delinquent prior to March 30, 1994, are cancelled after 5 years of delinquency. Licenses delinquent on or after March 30, 1994 are cancelled after 3 years of delinquency. A cancelled license may not be reinstated. The practitioner must reapply for a new license by meeting all current requirements including passage of the board's oral clinical examination and completion of an approved residency program.

**MILITARY or Health Service License Status** - A doctor of podiatric medicine may be exempt from paying the renewal fee if engaged in full-time active service in the medical departments of the Army, Navy, Air Force, or in the United States Public Health Service; or fulfilling a full-time period of training and active service under the Selective Service Act. Every doctor of podiatric medicine qualifying for this fee exemption may not engage in any private practice of podiatric medicine in California. An exemption request must be made in writing to the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Although a doctor of podiatric medicine under military status may be exempt from payment of the renewal fee, there is no exemption from the CME and competence requirements.

**RETIRED License Status** - A doctor of podiatric medicine may be exempt from payment of the renewal fee provided he or she:

- (1) has practiced medicine for 20 years or more in California;
- (2) has reached the age of retirement under the Social Security Act;
- (3) customarily provides services free of charge. (If charges are made, they shall be nominal and shall not exceed an amount which would discontinue full Social Security benefits.)

All three requirements must be met to qualify for this exemption. An exemption request form for retired status must be submitted at the time of license renewal. Retired status does not waive CME/continuing competence requirements. A waiver from these requirements for reason of retirement may be requested additionally. This waiver, however, does place additional restrictions on the license. Contact the board for information.

**DISABLED License Status** - A doctor of podiatric medicine may be exempt from payment of the renewal fee if he or she demonstrates to the board inability to practice medicine due to a disability. The exemption must be approved by the board, and a licensee with disabled status may not engage in the practice of podiatric medicine.